

## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Adjustment of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Thailand

December 21, 1998.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 28, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for special shift, carryforward used and recrediting unused carryforward.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the **CORRELATION:** Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 65246, published on December 11, 1997.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 21, 1998.

Commissioner of Customs,  
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 5, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Thailand and exported during the twelve-month period

which began on January 1, 1998 and extends through December 31, 1998.

Effective on December 28, 1998, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
Sublevels in Group II	
338/339 .....	2,352,452 dozen.
340 .....	350,743 dozen.
347/348/847 .....	960,504 dozen.
638/639 .....	2,165,817 dozen.
640 .....	494,271 dozen.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1997.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Meeting the Defense Environmental Response Task Force (DERTF)

**AGENCY:** Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security).

**ACTION:** Notice of business meeting and hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of a business meeting and hearing of the Defense Environmental Response Task Force (DERTF). The DERTF is charged with studying and providing findings and recommendations on environmental response actions at military installations being closed or realigned. This meeting is a follow-up to the July 21-23, 1998, meeting. The DERTF will discuss Department of Defense (DoD) and state experience with land use controls, Native American issues in Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) environmental cleanup, public involvement in BRAC environmental cleanup, and the DERTF's FY99 Report to Congress.

Members of the public are invited to provide written comments on the topics being considered by the DERTF. If desired, members of the public may also provide a brief oral summary of their comments, not to exceed five minutes, during the public comment periods at

the DERTF meeting in San Francisco. These public comment periods are scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 1999, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., and Wednesday, February 3, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The deadline for both receipt of written comments and notification of intent to provide an oral summary is January 20, 1999. All communications should be sent to the attention of Mr. Shah Choudhury at the point of contact address listed below.

We anticipate that individuals who have provided input according to the above procedures and deadlines will be given preference.

Additional information about the DERTF meeting, an agenda, and directions to the meeting site are available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.dtic.mil/envirodod/brac/dertf.html>.

**DATES:** February 2, 1999: 12:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., February 3, 1999: 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

February 2, 1999: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., February 3, 1999: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Cathedral Hill Hotel, 1101 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94109-6986.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Shah Choudhury, Executive Secretary, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security), 3400 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3400; telephone (703) 697-7475; e-mail [choudhsa@acq.osd.mil](mailto:choudhsa@acq.osd.mil).

Dated: December 21, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Meeting of the Senior Advisory Board on National Security

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Senior Advisory Board on National Security will meet in closed session on 11 and 12 January 1999. The Board was charter by the Secretary of Defense on 1 July 1998 to: conduct a comprehensive review of the early twenty-first century global security environment; develop appropriate